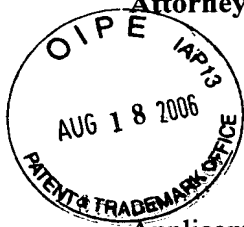


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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

August 18, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was mailed in connection with the above-identified application on June 19, 2006. In response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed on April 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

This Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), an Information Disclosure Statement, and a check for the sum of \$1,170 in payment of the RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e).